

**APG MILITARY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**  
**Main Post (Bldg 2485) & South Post (Bldg E4620)**  
**Patrons – Holy Family & Mary, Queen of Peace**

**Mission Statement**

The Catholic Community of Aberdeen Proving Ground is a people of God, a faith family centered in the person of Jesus Christ, expressed in Word and Sacrament serving Active duty Military and their families.

**Catholic Directory**

**Catholic Chaplain:** 410-278-4333

**Catholic Pastoral Coordinator:** 410-278-4333

**Installation Director of Religious Education (DRE):** 410-278-4333

**Bulletin Announcements:** To Main Post Chapel by noon 410-278-4333, amssbgch@apg.army.mil

**Sacramental Celebrations**

**Adult Baptism:** Adults who wish to enter the Catholic Church progress through a socialization/conversation process in the local faith community. The “seeker” (for God) finds a loving faith community, studies scripture and tradition and progresses through greater faith maturation. Steps involve: Renouncing evil, seeking God through prayer and study and finally professing our shared faith. Rites of Christian Initiation (for Adults) RCIA – recognize this personal and continual growth. See DRE, the Catholic Pastoral Coordinator or Catholic Chaplain for details.

**Child Baptism:** Celebrated at a prearranged Sunday Eucharist. Active Duty family members must practice the faith and meet with the Catholic Chaplain. Call and schedule an appointment during your pregnancy.

**Reconciliation:** Call Catholic Chaplain for appointment or walk-in 45 minutes before Sunday Eucharist.

**Holy Eucharist:** Children complete two years of faith formation including: Study of God's love, reconciliation and Eucharist. They receive communion at the end of second grade. Adults are prepared for Eucharist through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. See DRE, Catholic Pastoral Coordinator or Catholic Chaplain for details.

**Sunday Eucharist,** 0845 Main Post; 1045 South Post

**Weekdays Eucharist,** 11:45 Mon. & Tues, Main Post; 1145, Wed & Thurs, South Post

**Holy Days,** 1145 Main Post; 1900 South Post

**Confirmation:** Adults entering the church are socialized/instructed through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults process and are Baptized and Confirmed at the Easter Vigil. Baptized Catholic Adults are confirmed by a Bishop. Catholic weekly worship and faith formation are required for children to be confirmed in the spring.

**Anointing the Sick:** The sacrament of healing involving laying on of the hands and anointing with oil is celebrated before surgery and during mental or physical struggles. Call the Catholic Chaplain for an appointment. Please call the Catholic Chaplain for hospital visits. Call or e-mail the Catholic Pastoral Coordinator regarding prayers for the sick.

**Marriage:** The sacrament of covenantal love is celebrated for subjects of the Archdiocese of the Military Services. At least one of the couple must be in the military and must be a practicing Catholic. A series of premarriage sessions are required. See the Catholic Chaplain long before you set a date. At least four months are required by the Diocese.

**Ordination:** We always encourage vocations to the priesthood as well as the Religious brotherhood or sisterhood. See the Catholic Chaplain to discuss a possible vocation. Vocation weekends are conducted by our Archdiocese, the Baltimore Archdiocese and a wide variety of religious orders. Encourage your children to explore the possibility of a religious vocation.

**APG Web Page:** [www.apg.army.mil](http://www.apg.army.mil) - Installation Support - Religious Support.

**Sunday and Weekday Readings:** [www.usccb.org](http://www.usccb.org) - daily readings.

**Archdiocese for the Military Services:** [www.milarch.org](http://www.milarch.org)

**Archdiocese of Baltimore:** [www.archbalt.org](http://www.archbalt.org)

**Causality Operations/Survivor Benefits:** 410-306-2345